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In the application of:

BIJL and SCHAAP

Serial No.: 08/821,025

Filing Date: March 19, 1997

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION
OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL
BIOMASS AND ISOLATION OF A
COMPOUND THEREFROM

Examiner: I. Marx

Group Art Unit: 1651

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box RCE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is in response to an Advisory action dated February 25, 2003; an interview summary dated August 15, 2002; a final Office action herein mailed April 29, 2002; and a Notice of Appeal filed August 28, 2002, setting a time for a response to expire on October 28, 2002. A petition for an extension of time for five (5) months until March 28, 2003 in which to respond is attached herewith along with the required fee. Claims 1-29, 31, 33-36, and 41-67 were rejected in the Final Office Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the

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following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.